

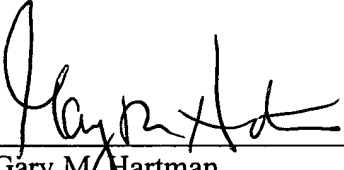
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REMARKS

The above amendments to the specification and claims are being presented at this time to provide a title more indicative of the claimed subject matter, cite the parentage of this application, include headings that set forth the different sections of the application and generally comply with US practice, and provide an "Abstract of the Disclosure" on a separate page.

Applicants believe their application is now in better condition for examination, which Applicants respectfully request.

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Attachment: Appendix A; Abstract of the Disclosure

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE¹**In the Specification:**

The title of the invention has been revised as follows:

PACKAGING TRAY FORMED FROM ABSORBENT
[ABSORBANT] MATERIAL

The heading at page 1, line 4, has been amended as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) FIELD OF THE INVENTION [DESCRIPTION]

¹ Brackets “[]” indicate deletions and underlining “ ” indicates insertions.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-10 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A container having a recess for containing matter, the container [(1)] comprising:

a [porous] wall structure formed of a porous material and having [on its] inner and outer surfaces, [respective impermeable, fluid barrier film layers (15,18) and being defined by] a base wall [(12)], a continuous side-wall [(13)] upstanding therefrom, and a peripheral rim [(14)] extending outwardly of the side-wall [(13)], the base wall and side-wall delineating the recess of the container; [wherein]

a fluid barrier film layer at each of the inner and outer surfaces of the wall structure, each of the fluid barrier film layers being formed of a fluid-impermeable material;

an interior space defined within at least a portion of the wall structure between the fluid barrier film layers; [defines an interior space (100) therein,]

means for enabling fluid flow from the recess of the container into the interior space through the fluid barrier film layer at the inner surface of the wall structure;

means for sealing the interior [which] space [(100) is sealed (17)] from a remaining portion [the remainder] of the wall structure in a fluid tight manner between the [inner and outer] fluid barrier film layers [(15,18)] and across the thickness of the wall structure, the interior space being [and is] at least partially filled by the porous [a] material from which the wall structure is made; [, whereby, in use of the container (1),]

wherein a [any] fluid within the recess is able to flow through the fluid flow enabling means and [absorbed] into the interior space where the fluid [(100)] is retained [therein] and prevented from migrating into the remaining portion [remainder of the interior thickness] of the wall structure.

2. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to claim 1, wherein the porous material from which the [container] wall structure is made has an [is a cellular material, preferably of] open cell structure.

3. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the [so-defined] interior space [(100)] is limited to [provided in] the base wall [(12)] of the [container] wall structure.

4. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein the fluid flow enabling means comprises perforations through the [inner] fluid barrier film layer at the inner surface of the wall structure [(15), at least in the region of the space (100), is perforated].

5. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the porous material is an absorbent material.

APPENDIX A

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6. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to claim [any of claims,] 1, [2, 4 and 5,] wherein the sealing means [interior space-defining seal (17)] is in the peripheral rim [(14)] of the wall structure.

7. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to [any preceding] claim 6, further comprising [which is closed from the atmosphere by] an impervious gas barrier film [(19)] sealed to the peripheral rim [(14)] of the wall structure to define a gas-tight closure for the recess of the container.

8. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to claim 7 [when dependent upon claim 6], wherein the gas barrier film is sealed to the peripheral rim with a seal that is coterminous with the sealing means [(19) and space-defining seal (17) are coterminous].

9. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to claim 8, wherein the seal of the gas barrier film and the sealing means [said coterminous seals (17,19)] are integral and unitarily formed and comprise an ultrasonic weld.

10. (Amended) A container [(1)] according to [an preceding] claim 1, wherein the interior space [(100)] is completely filled by the porous material from which the wall structure is made.